

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, 7 and 9 are pending. Claim 8 has been canceled. No new matter has been added.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for recognizing that claims 1, 3-5, 7 and 9 are allowable and submits the following comments concerning the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance cited in pages 3 and 4 of the Office action. It is the subject matter of each claim as a whole that is patentable, not any particular feature recited in the claim(s). The Applicant does not concede that the reasons for allowance given by the Examiner are the only reasons that make the claims allowable and does not make any admission or concession concerning the Examiner's statement.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

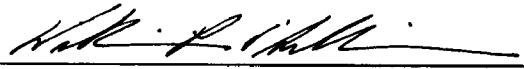
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